

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 5, 2016**

**SIGN IN**

**DAN MCDOWELL  
RON SIMPSON  
BOB PICKERELL  
JUDY WHITAKER  
BRIAN KONZEN  
NIKKI PETRILLO**

**PAUL JACKSTADT  
GERALD WILLIAMS  
DON THOMPSON  
ED HAGNAUER  
TIM ELLIOTT  
RON SIMPSON**

**Alderman McDowell called the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Joseph Colyer to discuss a roof top garden.**

**Colyer stated that the Granite City Foundry had purchased the building at 2054 Edison Ave. some time ago with plans to put a cooperative work environment plan and to help drive the economy. Part of the plan was that we wanted a roof top community garden and this would accomplish several different things, this would also become an event space. There is a ballroom there which would be part of an event space and we would make sure the building is secure with a fence. There would be space available for entrepreneurs at a low monthly cost for rent. The space would be great places for meetings. We would partner with the small business development center at S.I.U.E. to give entrepreneurs tools, resources, and a home to start the new business. The ball room would allow a place for events and draw people to the downtown area.**

**McDowell asked if there has been a study to support the roof top garden on the building.**

**Colyer stated a study has been done and the cost would be \$75,000.00 for the support of the building and composite materials.**

**McDowell asked what would the hours of operation.**

**Colyer stated that the hours would be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless there was a special event and then there would be staff available.**

**McDowell asked who would do the gardening and the work.**

**Colyer stated that community members would take care of the gardening work; any plots that weren't taken on by community members; we would personally take them on. Any of the produce left over we would give out to different organizations and shelters.**

**Discuss by the council, the Mayor and Colyer about the roof top garden and safety factors.**

**Motion by McDowell, second by Elliott to concur with the HARC committee on the roof top garden. All Voted to deny, except Petrillo Voted No. Motion Carried.**

**Motion by McDowell, second by Elliott to adjourn. Motion Carried.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**